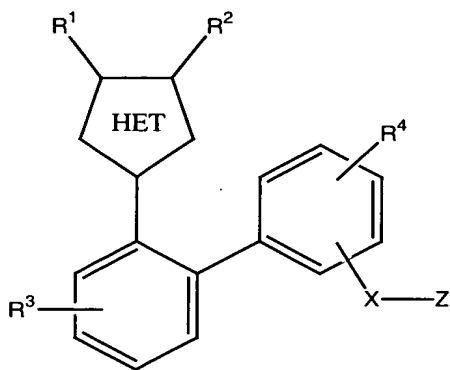


PROCESS FOR REMOVING METALS FROM LIQUIDSABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A process is provided for removing one or more metals from liquids. Also provided is a process for the synthesis of aP2 inhibiting compounds having the formula (I)



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wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, HET, and X-Z are as described herein, which process comprising the step of removing one or more metals from a solution of the compound of formula
15 I or an intermediate or precursor thereof. The processes for removing metal comprise the step of contacting the liquid with a solid extractant comprising a metal-binding functionality.